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H.B. No. 91

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a review of occupational licensing requirements related
3 to an applicant's criminal history.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

6 (1) "License" means a license, certificate,
7 registration, permit, or other authorization that:

8 (A) is issued by a licensing authority; and

9 (B) an individual must obtain to practice or
10 engage in a particular business, occupation, or profession.

11 (2) "Licensing authority" means a department,
12 commission, board, or other agency of the state that issues a
13 license.

14 SECTION 2. REVIEW REGARDING ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
15 RELATED TO CRIMINAL HISTORY. Each licensing authority shall, for
16 each license issued by the authority that has an eligibility
17 requirement related to an applicant's criminal history, review the
18 requirement and make a recommendation regarding whether the
19 requirement should be retained, modified, or repealed.

20 SECTION 3. REPORT. Not later than December 1, 2018, each
21 licensing authority shall submit a report on the results of the
22 authority's review to the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the
23 house of representatives, and each member of the legislature and
24 include the authority's recommendations.

1 SECTION 4. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2019.

2 SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect
3 immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members
4 elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas
5 Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
6 immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.